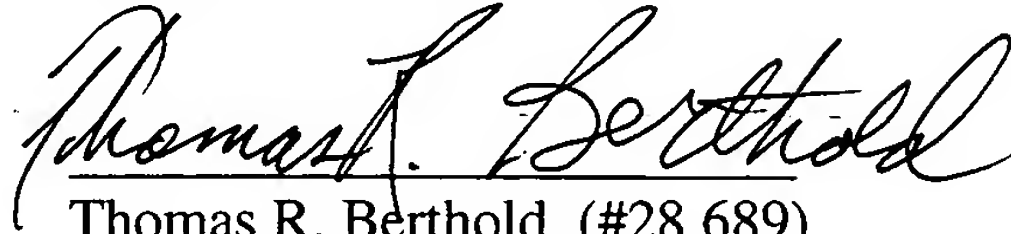


REMARKS

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas R. Berthold". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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